

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image display apparatus for displaying a plurality of images, comprising:
 - a memory that stores images;
 - 5 a display; and
 - a controller that retrieves images from the memory and displays the images on the display, the controller storing the images in the memory in categories of images, and at least one image stored in the memory, which belongs to a category, being displayed on the display as a heading image for the category to which the image belongs.
- 10 2. The image display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the heading image is an image which was first assigned to the category.
3. The image display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the heading image is changeable to any image in the category.
- 15 4. The image display apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
 - an image reader that reads images from an image recording medium, wherein the controller stores the read images as data in the memory.
5. The image display apparatus of claim 4, wherein the image recording medium is a film cartridge.
- 20 6. The image display apparatus of claim 5, wherein the image reader comprises:
 - a film feeder that feeds film from the film cartridge past an imaging station;
 - a light source that illuminates the film at the imaging station; and
 - 25 a photosensor that converts the illuminated image into electronic data.
7. The image display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the categories of images include at least one of a cartridge category, an image content category and a story category.
8. The image display apparatus of claim 7, wherein the controller displays
 - 30 the images on the display in at least one of an index screen, a cartridge list screen, a category list screen, a category index screen, a story list screen, and a story index screen.

9. The image display apparatus of claim 8, wherein the index screen displays the images stored in the memory in order starting from the first image on the film cartridge.

5 10. The image display apparatus of claim 8, wherein the cartridge list screen displays heading images for each cartridge category stored in the memory.

11. The image display apparatus of claim 8, wherein the category index screen displays the images stored in the memory associated with the displayed category.

10 12. The image display apparatus of claim 8, wherein the story list screen displays the heading images for each story category stored in the memory.

13. The image display apparatus of claim 8, wherein the story index screen displays the images stored in the memory associated with the displayed story.

15 14. The image display apparatus of claim 8, wherein the category list screen displays the possible categories for an image and the categories associated with the image.

15. The image display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the memory is a ZIP disk.

20 16. A method of storing images, comprising:
categorizing a plurality of images into at least one of a plurality of selectable categories; and
storing the categorized images in memory based on the categorizing step, wherein for each category, at least one image that belongs to the category is designated as a heading image for the category to which the image belongs.

25 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the heading image is an image which was first assigned to the category.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein the heading image is changeable to any image in the category.

30 19. The method of claim 16, further comprising:
displaying the heading image of every similar-category in a category index screen.

20. The method of claim 16, further comprising, prior to the categorizing step:
retrieving a plurality of the images from a cartridge.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the images are retrieved from a film cartridge.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the images are retrieved by:
illuminating the film withdrawn from the film cartridge;
5 detecting an image from the illuminated film; and
converting the image into electronic data.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein the categories include at least one of a cartridge category, an image content category and a story category.

24. The method of claim 23, further comprising displaying the images in at
10 least one of an index screen, a cartridge list screen, a category list screen, a category
index screen, a story list screen, and a story index screen.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the index screen displays the images stored in the memory in order starting from a first image on the cartridge.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein the cartridge list screen displays
15 heading images for each cartridge category stored in the memory.

27. The method of claim 24, wherein the category index screen displays the images stored in the memory associated with the displayed category.

28. The method of claim 24, wherein the story list screen displays the heading images for each story category stored in the memory.

29. The method of claim 24, wherein the story index screen displays the
20 images stored in the memory associated with the displayed story.

30. The method of claim 24, wherein the category list screen displays the possible categories for an image and the categories associated with the image.

31. A carrier wave encoded to transmit a computer readable control
25 program for use by a controller of an image display device, the control program including instructions for:

categorizing each of a plurality of images, stored in memory, into at least one of a plurality of selectable categories;

designating at least one of the images for each category as a heading
30 image for the category; and

displaying the heading image for the category.

32. The carrier wave of claim 31, wherein the designating instruction designates, as the heading image for each category, the first image assigned to the category.

5 33. The carrier wave of claim 31, wherein the heading image for each category is changeable to any image associated with the category.

34. The carrier wave of claim 31, including a computer readable medium on which the carrier wave is recorded.